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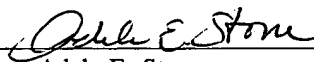
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2002. A Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time (on Transmittal) and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I (method claims 1-4 and 22) for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications on the cancelled matter.

If the Examiner has any questions and believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's representative would prove helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 720-3500 (Extension 286).

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